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TOKYO, DEC. 10 (AP)-THE OPPOSITION SOCIALIST PARTY PLEDGED TODAY TO STRUGGLE FOR "POSITIVE NEUTRALITY" FOR JAPAN AS A MEANS OF EASING TENSION IN ASIA. THE DECLARATION WAS INCLUDED IN THE PARTY'S CAMPAIGN POLICY DRAFT FOR 1962, PROMULGATED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR PRESENTATION TO A PARTY CONVENTION IN JANUARY.

TO INSURE THIS POSITIVE NEUTRALITY, THE 70,000-WORD DRAFT SAID, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ANNUL JAPAN'S MILITARY ALLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES, END TALKS LOOKING TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA, CONCLUDE A PEACE TREATY WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND RESTORE DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH COMMUNIST CHINA.

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KARLSRUHE, GERMANY, DEC. 10 (AP)-A WEST GERMAN ARMY COLONEL AND A HIGHLY PLACED OFFICIAL HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF GIVING NATO DEFENSE SECRETS TO A FOREIGN POWER, THE WEST GERMAN FEDERAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SAID TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE COLONEL WAS STATIONED IN THE WEST GERMAN CAPITAL OF BOON UNTIL HIS ARREST. THE CIVILIAN, TERMED AN IMPORTANT OFFICIAL OF THE LOWER SAXONY STATE GOVERNMENT, HAD BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH A GERMAN MILITARY INSTALLATION NEAR THE CITY OF HANOVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY THE TWO, TO SAY WHEN THEY WERE ARRESTED OR FOR WHOM THEY HAD CARRIED OUT THEIR AACTIVITIES.

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(370) THURMOND 30-24 1961

WASHINGTON, DEC. 10 (AP)-SEN. STROM THURMOND, D-S.C., SAID TODAY HE DOESN'T KNOW WHETHER FORMER MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER SPOKE IMPROPERLY WHILE AN OFFICER. BUT THE SENATOR ADDED HIS BELIEF WALKER SHOULD NOT HAVE LOST HIS COMMAND.

WALKER, WHO SINCE HAS RESIGNED HIS COMMISSION, WAS ADMONISHED AND RELIEVED OF COMMAND OF THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY ON THE GROUND THAT HE MADE DEROGATORY REMARKS ABOUT PROMINENT AMERICANS AND TRIED TO INFLUENCE THE VOTING OF TROOPS.

THURMOND HAS DEFENDED WALKER IN HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST WHAT HE CALLS "MUZZLING" OF MILITARY LEADERS BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. ON A TAPED TELEVISION PROGRAM (CS--WASHINGTON CONVERSATION) TODAY HE SAID:

"SO FAR AS GENERAL WALKER GOES, I DON'T KNOW ALL THE FACTS IN THE CASE, AND I WOULDN'T ATTEMPT TO SAY THAT HE MADE SOME STATEMENT HE SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE. I JUST DON'T KNOW. BUT FROM WHAT I HEARD HE SAID, CERTAINLY THAT WASN'T ENOUGH TO RELIEVE HIM.

"HE COULD HAVE BEEN ADMONISHED, AND I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE RELIEVED HIM."

EARLIER, THURMOND SAID:

"I HAVE NOT DEFENDED ANY OFFICER, AND SHALL NOT, FOR SPEAKING OUT ON SUBJECTS ON WHICH HE SHOULD NOT SPEAK, WHICH ARE IMPROPER, FOR INSTANCE, PARTISAN POLITICS, OR FOREIGN POLICY THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH OUR GOVERNMENT."

AT ONE POINT, THURMOND WAS ASKED, "DO YOU THINK A MILITARY OFFICER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SAY THAT A WELFARE STATE IS A STEP ON THE ROAD TO COMMUNISM?" HE REPLIED:

"WELL, I THINK A MILITARY OFFICER SHOULD STAY OUT OF PARTISAN POLITICS."

HE SAID THIS DOES NOT MEAN HIS DISPUTE WITH THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN NARROWED. AND HE DENIED THAT HE EVER HAD ADVOCATED POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY OFFICERS, SAYING:

"I HAVE BEEN TAKING THE POSITION THAT THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TELL THE PEOPLE ABOUT THE ENEMY. OUR ONLY ENEMY IS COMMUNISM. THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TELL OUR PEOPLE AND THE TROOPS ABOUT THE AIMS AND DESIGNS OF COMMUNISM, ABOUT THE TECHNIQUES OF COMMUNISM, ABOUT THE DANGERS OF COMMUNISM, ABOUT THE INSIDIOUS MANNER IN WHICH COMMUNISM OPERATES. . . AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE HANDICAPPED IN TELLING THE TROOPS AND TRAINING THE TROOPS. . ."

RETURNING TO THE WALKER CASE, THURMOND SAID IF THE FORMER GENERAL WANTS TO TESTIFY IN THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO HIS "MUZZLING" CHARGES, THAT WILL BE ALL RIGHT. HE ADDED, "BUT I AM NOT INTERESTED IN PERSONALITIES HERE INVOLVED. IF GENERAL WALKER HAS DONE WRONG, WELL, WHATEVER HE'S DONE HE'LL HAVE TO SUFFER FOR IT. I DO THINK . . . THAT TO RELIEVE A GREAT FIGHTING COMMANDER LIKE GENERAL WALKER WAS TOO STRENUOUS. . ."

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ALBANIAN BUDGET (ROUNDUP) 30-24

BY COLIN FROST

LONDON, DEC.10 (AP)-THE SOVIET UNION HAS WITHDRAWN ITS DIPLOMATS FROM ALBANIA AND THE ALBANIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW ANNOUNCED TODAY RELATIONS WERE RUPTURED SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

IT WAS THE MOST SPECTACULAR SPLIT IN THE RANKS OF WORLD COMMUNISM SINCE YUGOSLAVIA WAS EXPELLED FROM THE COMINFORM IN 1948 FOR REFUSING TO HEW TO MOSCOW'S PARTY LINE.

BUT THE BREAK HAD BEEN EXPECTED EVER SINCE PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV, AT THE OCTOBER SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS, DENOUNCED THE ALBANIAN LEADERS AS STALINIST AND ACCUSED THEM OF TRYING TO DISRUPT COMMUNIST UNITY.

"THEY'VE BEEN GHROWING STONES AT EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME," SAID A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN WASHINGTON. "BUT UNDER THEIR SYSTEM THIS MIGHT MEAN A LOT AND IT MIGHT NOT MEAN ANYTHING."

A NEW ISSUE OF PRO-COMMUNIST, THE PARTY'S MONTHLY BIBLE, SAID "IMPERIALISTS" WERE WAITING TO WELCOME ALBANIA. Soviet magazine

OTHER EASTERN BLOC NATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE KREMLIN'S LEAD, LEAVING ALBANIA SUPPORTED ONLY BY COMMUNIST CHINA IN AN IDEOLOGICAL FEUD THAT HAS BLAZED FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.

THE OFFICIAL ALBANIAN AGENCY ATA WAS THE FIRST TO ANNOUNCE THIS MORNING THAT RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS HAD LEFT ALBANIA AND THE ALBANIAN DIPLOMATS HAD BEEN TOLD TO GET OUT OF MOSCOW.

DISPATCHES FROM MOSCOW DID NOT SAY WHEN THE ALBANIANS WOULD LEAVE. THE ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR WENT HOME SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, LEAVING THE EMBASSY UNDER A CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

ATA SAID THERE HAD BEEN AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES BEGINNING NOV.25, CONCLUDING WITH ONE DATED SATURDAY ANNOUNCING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY AND COMMERCIAL STAFF. ATA SAID THIS NOTE REPEATED A DEMAND FOR THE ALBANIAN PERSONNEL TO QUIT MOSCOW FIRST MADE ORALLY LAST MONTH BY A SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE.

THE AGENCY CARRIED A STATEMENT BY THE OFFICIAL ALBANIAN COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER ZERI E POPULIT DECLARING THE SOVIET ACTION "WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN THE RELATIONS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" AND DENOUNCING THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP GENERALLY AND KHRUSHCHEV PERSONALLY.

BY DIPLOMATIC ACCOUNTS, THE TROUBLE BETWEEN ALBANIA AND THE SOVIET UNION EXPLODED IN AN ANGRY EXCHANGE BETWEEN KHRUSHCHEV AND ALBANIAN COMMUNIST CHIEF ENVER HOXHA AT THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE OF WORLD COMMUNIST LEADERS IN NOVEMBER OF 1960.

HOXHA WAS SAID TO HAVE SIDED WITH RED CHINA'S VIEW THAT WAR WITH CAPITALISM IS INEVITABLE, AND CALLED KHRUSHCHEV A TRAITOR TO COMMUNIST DOCTRINE. AT THIS, KHRUSHCHEV IS SUPPOSED TOHAVE SHOUTED:

"COMRADE HOXHA, YOU HAVE POURED A BUCKET OF DUNG ON ME AND YOU WILL HAVE TO WASH IT OFF."

HOXHA HURRIEDLY LEFT MOSCOW. ALBANIA BOYCOTTED THIS FALL'S SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS, AT WHICH KHRUSHCHEV AND OTHERS ACCUSED THE ALBANIAN LEADERSHIP OF STALINISM AND STALIN-STYLE TERROR.

LAST MARCH, ALBANIA ARRESTED AND EXECUTED TWO OFFICIALS OF ITS FOREIGN MINISTRY, CHARGING THEM WITH SPYING FOR THE SOVIET UNION. MOSCOW REDUCED ITS DIPLOMATIC STAFF IN TIRANA. THE RUSSIANS WHO REMAINED WERE KEPT UNDER ALBANIAN SECRET POLICE SURVEILLANCE.

THE FEUD COST BOTH SIDES.

THE SOVIET UNION WAS DEPRIVED OF AN ADVANCED STRATEGIC BASE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. SCORES OF SOVIET SUBMARINES HAD BEEN REPORTED OPERATING FROM ALBANIAN BASES.

A POOR COUNTRY, ALBANIA IN TURN FACED THE LOSS OF ALL EASTERN BLOC ECONOMIC AID AND MUST TURN TO RED CHINA, WHICH RECENTLY STEPPED UP ITS AID, AND POSSIBLY THE WEST. A COUNTRY OF 1.5 MILLION INHABITANTS, IT FACES NO DIRECT MILITARY EASTERN BLOC THREAT SINCE ITS ONLY NEIGHBORS ARE GREECE AND COMMUNIST INDEPENDENT YUGOSLAVIA.

IN ASSAILING THE ALBANIAN LEADERS, THE RUSSIANS CHARGED ONE AIM WAS TO CURRY FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WEST TO GET AID. YUGOSLAVIA BENEFITTED FROM U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN AID AND TRADE AFTER IT BROKE WITH THE SOVIET BLOC.

PRESUMABLY, ALBANIA CAN COUNT ON RED CHINA'S CONTINUED SUPPORT. RED CHINESE LEADER MAO TZE-TUNG PRAISED ALBANIA'S LEADERSHIP IN A MESSAGE LAST MONTH THAT WAS WIDELY REGARDED AS AN AFFRONT TO KHRUSHCHEV.

IN MUNICH, RADIO FREE EUROPE REPORTED THAT ALBANIA IN A NOTE TO MOSCOW YESTERDAY ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF BREAKING MILITARY, TRADE, CREDIT AND CULTURAL AGREEMENTS BEFORE SEVERING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. RUSSIA WAS ACCUSED OF ERECTING AN ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY BLOCKADE AGAINST ALBANIA.

THE RADIO QUOTED THE OFFICIAL ALBANIAN NEWS AGENCY AS SAYING THE SOVIET-ALBANIAN DIFFERENCES FIRST CROPPED UP LAST YEAR AT A MEETING OF COMMUNIST LEADERS IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA. THE ALBANIAN NOTE SAID AT THIS MEETING KHRUSHCHEV TRIED TO RAM AN ANTI-MARXIST PLATFORM DOWN THE THROATS OF THE DELEGATES AND THE ALBANIANS REFUSED TO SWALLOW IT.

AFTER THAT, THE NOTE ADDED, THE SOVIET UNION TRIED TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ALBANIA, SUCH AS WITHDRAWING SOVIET SPECIALISTS SENT TO TIRANA TO HELP BUILD ALBANIA'S ECONOMY.

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WITH LONDON ALBANIAN BUDGET 30 24

BY STANLEY JOHNSON

MOSCOW, DEC. 10 (AP)-ANNOUNCING A RUPTURE IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ALBANIAN EMBASSY SAID TODAY COMMUNIST ALBANIA IS INDEPENDENT--EVEN OF ITS ALLY, RED CHINA.

NEITHER THE OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, TASS, NOR MOSCOW RADIO MENTIONED THE BREAK WITH THE LITTLE NATION ACCUSED OF STALINISM BY PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV AT THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS IN OCTOBER.

BUT PRO-COMMUNIST, THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE ACCEPTED AS A RED BIBLE, HIT MOSCOW'S NEWS STANDS WITH AN ARTICLE VIOLENTLY DENOUNCING ALBANIA'S LEADERS. IT ASSERTED "THE IMPERIALISTS" WERE WAITING TO WELCOME ALBANIAN PARTY LEADER ENVER HOXHA INTO THEIR RANKS.

THE EMBASSY SPOKESMAN TOLD REPORTERS RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION WERE BROKEN SEVERAL DAYS AGO. BUT HE GAVE NO INDICATION WHEN HE AND THE STAFF WILL LEAVE. THE ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR WENT HOME SEVERAL WEEKS AGO.

RED CHINA HAS SUPPORTED ALBANIA IN ITS QUARREL WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND MANY WESTERNERS BELIEVED THAT WHEN THE KREMLIN DENOUNCED ALBANIA IT WAS ACTUALLY DENOUNCING PEIPING.

ASKED ABOUT RELATIONS WITH CHINA, THE ALBANIAN SPOKESMAN SAID:

"WE ARE FRIENDS. WHOEVER WANTS TO BE OUR FRIEND, CAN BE, BUT WE ARE ALSO INDEPENDENT OF CHINA."

THE RUSSIANS HAD CHARGED ALBANIA'S PURPOSE IN QUARRELING WITH THEM WAS TO BE ABLE TO GET AID FROM THE WESTERN POWERS.

THE ALBANIAN'' STATEMENT ABOUT ANYONE BEING ALBANIA'S FRIEND WHO WANTS TO BE LEFT THE QUESTION OPEN AS TO WHETHER HOXHA WILL NOW SEEK ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN THE WEST.

"WE ARE AN INDEPENDENT STATE," THE ALBANIAN SPOKESMAN SAID. "WE HAVE NEVER ASKED FOR HELP FROM ANYONE. DON'T FORGET WE WERE INDEPENDENT IN 1,000 B.C. AND WE HAVE ALWAYS MADE OUR OWN DECISIONS. EVERYTHING WORKS FINE IN OUR COUNTRY. WE ARE INDEPENDENT."

PRO-COMMUNIST, IN THE MOST VIOLENT DENUNCIATION OF HOXHA AND HIS AIDES YET MADE, COMPARED HIM TO EXECUTED SOVIET POLICE CHIEF LAVRENTI BERIA.

THE ARTICLE SAID HOXHA AND HIS FELLOW "CONSPIRATORS" WERE PERSECUTING AND ARRESTING ALL THE FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION IN ALBANIA. IT CHARGED THEY WERE SPLITTING AND ENDANGERING THE RANKS OF THE SOCIALIST CAMP.

WHEN THE RADIO IN TIRANA, THE ALBANIAN CAPITAL, BROADCAST THE FIRST REPORT OF THE RUPTURE, REPORTERS HURRIED TO ALBANIA'S EMBASSY. THEY FOUND THE GATE LOCKED. SOVIET POLICE STOOD GUARD OUTSIDE, AS USUAL.

LATER THE GATE WAS UNLOCKED AND REPORTERS WERE ABLE TO ENTER THE GROUNDS. BUT THERE WAS NO RESPONSE TO THE FRONT DOOR BELL. REPORTERS WENT AROUND AND KNOCKED AT THE KITCHEN DOOR.

A MAN RESPONDED WHO SAID HE WAS "MERELY A GUEST." HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE TIRANA ANNOUNCEMENT, HE SAID, AND THE EMBASSY WOULD BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL MONDAY MORNING.

WHILE HE TALKED TO REPORTERS, THREE MEN ENTERED THE EMBASSY LOADED WITH GREAT BAGS OF GROCERIES AS THOUGH FOR A SIEGE. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT A GOOD PROPORTION OF THE STAFF STILL WAS LIVING IN THE EMBASSY.

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(300) WITH ALBANIA-SOVIET

WASHINGTON, DEC. 10 (AP)-UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE W. BALL SAID TODAY SEVERE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST ALBANIA SHOULD STAND AS A WARNING TO NEUTRAL NATIONS THAT THEY CANNOT RELY ON THE LONG-RANGE GOOD FAITH OF RUSSIA.

THE DISRUPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TODAY BETWEEN THE TINY ADRIATIC NATION AND THE SOVIET UNION "IS EVIDENCE OF A VERY CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF DISCONTENT AND DISAGREEMENT IN THE COMMUNIST BLOC," SAID BALL, WHO RECENTLY WAS APPOINTED UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

ON A TELEVISION PROGRAM (MEET THE PRESS, NBC), A NEWSMEN REFERRED TO STRONG ECONOMIC MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN THIS YEAR AGAINST ALBANIA BY RUSSIAN PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV AND ASKED BALL FOR HIS APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION.

"I THINK IT INDICATES ANOTHER RIFT OF CONSEQUENCE IN THE COMMUNIST BLOC AND I THINK IT INDICATES SOMETHING ELSE," BALL SAID. "I THINK IT INDICATES WHAT HAPPENS TO A COUNTRY WHICH IS TOTALLY TIED TO THE SOVIET UNION AND WHICH SHOWS ANY SIGNS OF DEVIATION. THE MEASURES...AGAINST

ALBANIA WERE MOST SEVERE AND SHOULD, I SUPPOSE, STAND AS A KIND OF WARNING TO NEUTRAL NATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD THAT THEY CANNOT RELY ON THE LONG-RANGE GOOD FAITH OF THE SOVIET UNION.

"IT IS EVIDENCE OF ANOTHER, ADDITIONAL RIFT IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MONOLITHIC STRUCTURE."

ALBANIA FACED AN ECONOMIC CRISIS LAST SUMMER AFTER RUSSIA AND HER EUROPEAN SATELLITES WITHDREW ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL AID AND OUT OFF TRADE TIES WITH THE ADRIATIC NATION. SOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WERE LEFT UNFINISHED WHEN CZECHOSLOVAKIAN EXPERTS RETURNED HOME.

RED CHINA HAS ATTEMPTED TO HELP ALBANIA OUT OF ITS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES BY PROVIDING TRAINED PERSONNEL.

ASKED HOW THE DISRUPTION IN SOVIET-ALBANIAN RELATIONS WOULD AFFECT RED CHINA, BALL REPLIED, "I KNOW THEY (RED CHINESE) HAVE GIVEN SUPPORT TO THE ALBANIANS AND I THINK IT IS EVIDENCE OF A VERY CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF DISCONTENT AND DISAGREEMENT IN THE COMMUNIST BLOC."

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VSECOND LEAD PROJECT GNOME (360) 3024
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CARLSBAD, N.M., DEC. 10 (AP)-AN UNDERGROUND ATOMIC "PEACE BOMB" WAS EXPLODED BY THE UNITED STATES TODAY AND UNEXPECTEDLY RELEASED A SMALL, LIGHT CLOUD OF RADIOACTIVE STEAM INTO THE AIR.

HOWEVER, HOURS LATER THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION SAID NO RADIOACTIVITY WAS DETECTED IN ANY COMMUNITIES NEAR THE TEST SITE.

WINDS CARRIED THE CLOUD NORTH-NORTHWESTWARD AND AEC OFFICIALS, SOON AFTER THE BLAST, CLOSED THE MAIN ROAD LEADING TO CARLSBAD, 24 MILES NORTHWEST OF THE SITE.

THE AEC SAID RADIOACTIVITY ON THE HIGHWAY WAS NOT ABOVE THE LEVEL SET FOR SAFETY BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ABOUT 10 CARS CAUGHT BETWEEN ROADBLOCKS WERE TAKEN TO CARLSBAD TO BE WASHED AS A PRECAUTION, THE AEC SAID. ONE HELICOPTER WAS ISOLATED AS BEING CONTAMINATED.

THE ROADBLOCKS WERE REMOVED 3 1/2 HOURS AFTER THE DETONATION OF THE 5-KILOTON BOMB.

THE BOMB--EXPLODED NEARLY A QUARTER OF A MILE UNDERGROUND--ROCKED AN OBSERVATION SITE FOUR AND ONE-HALF MILES AWAY, AND KICKED UP A CLOUD OF SURFACE DUST RIGHT OVER THE DETONATING CHAMBER AT THE END OF AN 1,100 FOOT TUNNEL.

THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF OUTWARD CONCERN ON THE PART OF CARLSBAD RESIDENTS OVER THE RELEASE OF THE RADIOACTIVE STEAM.

THE AEC HAD MADE CLEAR TO THE PUBLIC EVEN BEFORE THE SHOT THAT IT WOULD NOT BE MADE IF THE WIND WERE BLOWING TOWARD ANY POPULATEE AREA, AND SCIENTISTS DETERMINED QUICKLY THAT THE AMOUNT OF RADIOATION RELEASED WAS RELATIVELY SMALL.

ROADBLOCKS AND WASHING OF POSSIBLY CONTAMINATED VEHICLES WAS TERMED PURELY PRECAUTIONARY SINCE THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GROUND RADIATION FOUND NEAR THE SITE WERE WELL BELOW THE SAFETY MINIMUMS.

AT A PRESS BRIEFING TONIGHT JAMES REEVES, TEST MANAGER FOR THE AEC, SAID "TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE OUR SAFETY PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN ADEQUATE" AGAINST FALLOUT.

HE SAID "THERE WAS FALLOUT AND IT WAS IN THE DIRECTION, DISTANCES AND AMOUNTS WHICH HAD BEEN PREDICTED IF THE TUNNEL DID VENT."

HE SAID ALL THE DATA HAD NOT YET BEEN COLLECTED.

PHILLIP RANDOLPH, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL OPERATIONS, SAID THAT FROM FIRST SKETCHY RESULTS IT APPEARED "70 PER CENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF GNOME" HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

RANDOLPH SAID THAT SOMEHOW THE CAVITY, WHICH HE CALLED THE LEAKY BOILER, HAD LEAKED THROUGH THE SHAFT AND IT WAS NOT KNOWN HOW OR WHY. HE SAID SOMEWHERE A PANEL OPENED BETWEEN THE CAVITY AND THE SHAFT.

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POSSIBLY THE RADIOACTIVE STEAM CAME DOWN THE TUNNEL, HE SAID, OR POSSIBLY IT CRACKED A WAY THROUGH BEDS OR PLANES OF THE SALT.

RANDOLPH SAID FOUR DATA RECOVERY PARTIES HAD GONE INTO THE GROUND ZERO AREA THIS AFTERNOON. NONE OF THEM, HE SAID, ENCOUNTERED RADIOACTIVITY OF MORE THAN 50 MILLI-ROENTGENS.

HE REITERATED THE BLAST HAD CAUSED NO DANGER FROM RADIATION.

THE RADIOACTIVE GASSES THAT ESCAPED WERE NOT "FALLOUT IN THE TRADITIONAL SENSE THAT COMES FROM AERIAL BOMBS OR THAT REQUIRES SHELTERS," SAID DR. OLIVER PLACAK OF THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AT LAS VEGAS, NEV.

HE SAID THERE WERE GAS CLOUDS CONTAINING ISOTOPES WITH VERY SHORT HALF LIVES, MEANING THEY DECAYED VERY RAPIDLY.

HE SAID THAT AT ONE PLACE NEAR THE HIGHWAY, WHICH HAD BEEN BLOCKADED, THEY FOUND ONE SHARP AREA WHERE THE INTENSITY WAS ONE ROENTGEN PER HOUR BUT IN 10 MINUTES THIS HAD DECAYED ONE-TENTH AND BY 8 P.M. (EST) WAS DOWN TO HALF OF THAT FIGURE.

DR. GORDON DUNNING SAID THAT THE HIGHEST READING MADE INSIDE ANY CAR WAS 15 MILLI-ROENTGENS PER HOUR AND THAT THIS WAS NOT A DANGEROUS EXPOSURE.

DR. RANDOLPH SAID THAT IN THE LONG RANGE PLOWSHARE PROGRAM THAT "I SEE THIS FIRST DETONATION A VERY SIGNIFICANT STEP FOR ALL OF US IN THE DISTANT FUTURE. IT DEFINITELY PUT US AHEAD. BEFORE IT WAS AN IDEA, NOW IT IS A REALITY."

HE SAID FROM FIRST ESTIMATIONS THE GROUND OVER THE DETONATION CHAMBER HAD APPARENTLY HEAVED UP A FEW FEET.

OUTLINING RESULTS OF FIVE SEPARATE EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS, RANDOLPH REPORTED:

PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT WAS LEARNING THE EFFECT OF A NUCLEAR BLAST IN SALT. HE SAID MOST OF THE UNDERGROUND RECORDERS AND SEISMOGRAPHS SUCCESSFULLY GATHERED INFORMATION USEFIL IN HOW SALT ROCK WAS MOVED AND PUSHED BY THE BLAST.

IN THE NEUTRON PHYSICS EXPERIMENT, THE SPINNING WHEEL WAS NOT DESTROYED AND THE TUNNEL DID NOT COLLAPSE AT THIS POINT. THERE WERE INDICATIONS THEY WOULD RECOVER THE WHEEL DESPITE RADIATION LOOSED IN THE TUNNEL.

RANDOLPH SAID THAT WITHIN AN HOUR AFTER THE SHOT, THE RADIATION LEVEL AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SHAFT WAS AT 1 MILLION ROENTGENS. TO INDICATE HOW RAPIDLY THE RATE IS FALLING, HE SAID THAT AT AROUND 7 P.M. (EST) THE LEVEL HAD FALLEN TO AROUND 40,000 ROENTGENS.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HE SAID THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE THAT TEST NEURTRONS WHEELS WITHIN THE SHAFT, TO MEASURE NEUTRONS SPEEDING FROM THE BLAST, COULD BE RECOVERED IN TWO TO FOUR DAYS WERE OUT THE WINDOW. HE SAID HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE MUCH LOSS IN THE VALUE OF THE DATA BECAUSE OF THE DELAY.

A GIANT CONCRETE PAD NEAR GROUND ZERO, RANDOLPH SAID, WAS TILTED. BUCKLED AND PARTLY BURIED. HE SAID QUITE A BIT OF EARTH MUST BE MOVED TO RECOVER INSTRUMENTS ON THE PAD WITHOUT DESTROYING THE DATA THEY CARRY.

HE SAID IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHETHER A CAVITY HAD BEEN FORMED AND THAT DRILLING HAD NOT YET BEEN STARTED TO DIG DOWN TO THAT AREA. A HOPE HAD BEEN THAT THE CAVITY WOULD CONTAIN MOLTEN SALT AND STEAM WHICH COULD SEND STEAM TO THE SURFACE.

THE DIRECT MEASUREMENT OF ISOTOPES EXPERIMENT ALSO WAS APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL ALTHOUGH THE EQUIPMENT TO DO THIS, PLACED DIRECTLY ABOVE THE CAVITY. WAS SHAKEN UP.

IN THE FIFTH OBJECTIVE, TO TEST THIS NUCLEAR DEVICE FOR ITS EFFICIENCY, RANDOLPH SAID "ANYONE WHO GOT HIS FEET KICKED BY THE GROUND TODAY, KNOWS THAT ANSWER FOR HIMSELF." THE BLAST SHOOK THE GROUND AT THE OBSERVATION POINT 4 1/2 MILES AWAY.

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WITH GNOME (150)

CARLSBAD, N.M., DEC. 10 (AP)-THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION TONIGHT DENIED WIDELY CIRCULATED REPORTS THAT ANY PERSONS HAD TO UNDERGO DECONTAMINATION AS THE RESULT OF TODAY'S UNDERGROUND ATOMIC EXPLOSION.

DR. GORDON DUNNING, DIVISION OF OPERATIONAL SAFETY FOR THE AEC IN WASHINGTON, SAID THE EXTENT OF DECONTAMINATION PROCEDINGS WAS THE WASHING OF SEVEN CIVILIAN CARS.

THESE CARS WERE THOSE EXPOSED BRIEFLY TO A LIGHTLY RADIOACTIVE VAPOR WHICH WAS BLOWN ACROSS THE HIGHWAY ADJOINING THE SITE.

ANOTHER AEC SPOKESMAN SAID HE DIDN'T FEEL THE CAR WASHING WAS A NECESSITY "BUT A SIMPLE SANITARY PRECAUTION."

HE SAID IT WASN'T EVEN SUGGESTED THAT THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CARS TAKE SHOWERS, BUT THAT THE CARS THEMSELVES PASSING OVER POSSIBLY CONTAMINATED GROUND COULD HAVE ACCUMULATED RADIATION.

AEC SPOKESMAN ALSO DENIED THAT ANY PERSONS HAD TO BE EVACUATED FROM ANY AREA AS A RESULT OF THE VENTING OF THE UNDERGROUND 5 KILOTON SHOT.

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WITH PROJECT GNOME (400) 30-24

BY ALTON BLAKESLEE
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CARLSBAD, N.M., DEC. 10 (AP)-ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION EXPERTS SAID THEY HOPED TODAY'S UNDERGROUND ATOMIC EXPLOSION WOULD HELP SHOW THE WAY:

TO USING NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES TO BLAST OUT GREAT HARBORS, CANALS OR WATER RESERVOIRS, OR TO CRUSH GREAT MASSES OF ORE-BEARING ROCKS IN MINES MORE CHEAPLY THAN WITH TNT.

TO CAPTURE THE FIREBALL HEAT UNDERGROUND, THEN BRING UP STEAM TO RUN TURBINES TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY. REPEATED NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS COULD REPLENISH THE HEAT.

TO CREATE VALUABLE RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES USEFUL IN MEDICINE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE, OR EVEN TO CREATE RARE OF NEW TYPES OF USEFUL CHEMICALS.

HOW TO IMPROVE NUCLEAR DEVICES FOR THESE TASKS.

AND HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE, INSTRUMENTALLY, BETWEEN THE TREMORS PRODUCED BY EARTHQUAKES AND THOSE PRODUCED BY UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS.

THE SPECIAL NUCLEAR DEVICE--EQUAL IN POWER TO 5,000 TONS OF TNT--WAS DETONATED IN A MILLION-DOLLAR HOLE DUG NEARLY A QUARTER OF A MILE BELOW THE ROLLING NEW MEXICAN PLAINS.

FOR ABSOLUTE SAFETY, ALL FIVE PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE SITE WERE INVITED TO THE OBSERVERS' POST, AND ALL GRAZING CATTLE WERE REMOVED.

IT MAY TAKE DAYS, WEEKS OR EVEN YEARS TO CHECK OUT ALL THE EXPERIMENTS INVOLVED IN THE $6 MILLION PROJECT, NAMED GNOME FOR THE MYTHICAL DWARFS WHO GUARD UNDERGROUND TREASURES.

IN A FEW DAYS, SCIENTISTS WILL DRILL DOWN TO SEE IF THE BLAST CREATED A CAVITY PARTIALLY FILLED WITH MOLTEN SALT AND SUPERHEATED STEAM.

THIS STEAM--OR STEAM CREATED BY POURING DOWN WATER--COULD BE HOT ENOUGH AS IT RUSHES UP THE PIPE TO RUN A POWER-GENERATING TURBINE. GNOME WILL ONLY ANALYZE THE STEAM FOR THIS PURPOSE.

IT MAY TAKE MONTHS TO A YEAR BEFORE MEN CAN RECOVER SAMPLES OF ORDINARY CHEMICALS--INCLUDING OIL PRODUCTS SUCH AS YOU USE IN YOUR CAR--STASHED IN CUBBYHOLES TO LEARN WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM WHEN SUBJECTED TO TREMENDOUS HEAT AND PRESSURE.

A DRILL HOLE, CONTAINING A VACUUM PIPE, PEERED DIRECTLY INTO THE BLAST CHAMBER FROM THE SURFACE. IT WAS DESIGNED TO CAPTURE, WITHIN MILLIONTHS OF A SECOND, SAMPLES OF GASEOUS ISOTOPES OR ATOMS RACING UP BEFORE THE BLAST CURSHED THE PIPE.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO ANALYZE THE ISOTOPES STOOD ON A THREE-FOOT-THICK PAD OF CONCRETE AND REINFORCED STEEL ABOVE THE BLAST CHAMBER.

A 22-INCH VACUUM PIPE STRETCHED TO THE BLAST CHAMBER TO CAPTURE AND ANALYZE THE MILLION-FOLD PULSE OF NEUTRONS LIBERATED BY THE NUCLEAR DEVICE.

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A SPINNING WHEEL, STUDDED WITH TINY "CELLS" OF GOLD, URANIUM, THORIUM AND HAFNIUM, WAS DESIGNED TO BE MOMENTARILY BOMBARDED WITH NEUTRONS TO YIELD MORE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ATOM-SPLITTING PROCESSES.

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 10 (AP)-THE UNITED STATES HAS INVESTED OVER 25 BILLION DOLLARS IN ITS ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ATOMIC BOMB, SINCE 1940, THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION REPORTED TODAY.

COST OF DEVELOPING THE BOMB, WHICH WAS HANDLED THEN UNDER THE WAR DEPARTMENT, WAS APPROXIMATELY $2,233,000,000 (B).

THE COMMISSION SAID THE $2,612,000,000 REQUIRED FOR 1961 FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS WAS DIVIDED THUSLY: $783 MILLIONS FOR PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, $637 MILLIONS FOR PROCUREMENT OF RAW MATERIALS, $516 MILLION FOR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT AND FABRICATION, $437 MILLION FOR REACTOR DEVELOPMENT, $154 MILLION FOR PHYSICAL RESEARCH, $54 MILLION ON BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE AND $81 MILLION FOR MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS.

AT THE END OF THE 1961 FISCAL YEAR, JUNE 30, THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION HAD COMMITMENTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF 128,000 TONS OF URANIUM CONCENTRATES, AT A COST OF $2,227,000,000. THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE CONCENTRATES, $1,477,000,000, WAS TO COME FROM DOMESTIC PRODUCERS, WITH CANADIAN PRODUCERS TO PROVIDE $361 MILLION AND OVERSEAS PRODUCERS $389 MILLION.

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BY HANNS NEUERBOURG

FRANKFORT, GERMANY, DEC. 10 (AP)-A GERMAN BEST-SELLING AUTHOR HAS KICKED UP A WEST GERMAN UPROAR WITH A SPEECH ABOUT THE BERLIN WALL.

FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER HEINRICH VON BRENTANO CHARGED IN PARLIAMENT THAT NOVELIST UWE JOHNSON, 28, COMMITTED "A CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY."

ANOTHER GERMAN AUTHOR, HERMANN KESTEN, ACCUSED JOHNSON OF SAYING THE COMMUNIST-BUILT WALL WAS "GOOD, REASONABLE AND ETHICAL." JOHNSON CALLED KESTON A LIAR, SAYING ALL HE SAID WAS THAT THE EAST GERMANS FELT THEY HAD TO BUILD THE WALL TO CHECK AN UNBEARABLE LABOR SHORTAGE.

NOW MOST WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS ARE RALLYING TO JOHNSON'S DEFENSE IN THE NAME OF FREE SPEECH.

A QUIET-MANNERED MAN, JOHNSON LEFT EAST GERMANY, WHERE THE COMMUNISTS REFUSED TO PUBLISH HIS BOOKS, TWO YEARS AGO. A CRITIC EQUALLY OF COMMUNISM AND CAPITALISM, HE HAS SAID HIS DEPARTURE FROM EAST GERMANY DID NOT MEAN HE WAS TURNING TO THE WEST.

HIS TROUBLE BEGAN LAST MONTH WHEN HE ADDRESSED A LITERARY AUDIENCE IN MILAN, ITALY. HE SAID THE WALL WAS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN WESTERN EYES BUT A NECESSITY IN THE VIEW OF EAST GERMANY. JOHNSON SAID THE COMMUNISTS WERE FORCED TO BUILD THE WALL TO CLOSE AN ESCAPE HATCH THROUGH WHICH FOUR MILLION EAST GERMANS HAD FLED, CREATING A LABOR SHORTAGE.

KESTEN, WHO LIVES IN ROME, ALSO SPOKE AT THE MILAN MEETING. IN AN ARTICLE DENOUNCING JOHNSON, PUBLISHED IN WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS, KESTEN ASSERTED JOHNSON HAD CALLED THE BERLIN WALL "GOOD, REASONABLE AND ETHICAL." ANGRY WEST GERMAN BOOKSELLERS THREATENED TO BOYCOTT JOHNSON'S WORKS.

THIS BROUGHT PUBLISHER GIANGIACOMO FELTRINELLI OF MILAN FLYING TO THE DEFENSE OF JOHNSON. FELTRINELLI WON FAME BY PUBLISHING BORIS PASTERNAK'S NOVEL, "DR. ZHIVAGO." HE PUBLISHES JOHNSON'S BOOKS IN ITALY AND ARRANGED THE LITERARY MEETING AT WHICH THE NOVELIST SPOKE.

FELTRINELLI SHOWED UP LAST WEEK AT A NEWS CONFERENCE ARRANGED BY JOHNSON'S GERMAN PUBLISHER. JOHNSON CALLED KESTEN A LIAR. KESTEN HAD BEEN INVITED TO THE MEETING WITH REPORTERS BUT REFUSED TO ATTEND.

FELTRINELLI THEN PRODUCED A TAPE RECORDING OF JOHNSON'S REMARKS AT MILAN. THERE WAS NOTHING ABOUT THE WALL BEING "GOOD, REASONABLE AND ETHICAL." THE PUBLISHER GAVE HIS WORD THE TAPE HAD NOT BEEN DOCTORED.

WHILE NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED THIS ACCOUNT, VON BRENTANO, NOW THE RULING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS' FLOOR LEADER IN THE LOWER HOUSE, AROSE IN PARLIAMENT AND ASSAILED JOHNSON. HE DEMANDED THE GOVERNMENT CANCEL A SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED JOHNSON TO STUDY AT THE GERMAN ACADEMY IN ROME.

MOST WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS CAME TO JOHNSON'S DEFENSE. MANY SEEMED TO SHARE FELTRINELLI'S VIEW THAT THE ATTACKS ON JOHNSON RECALLED THE KREMLIN'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE LATE RUSSIAN AUTHOR OF "DR. ZHIVAGO."

FELTRINELLI SAID THE CASE SHOWED "HOW DANGEROUS THE CONSEQUENCES OF FREE EXPRESSION CAN BE IN GERMANY IF THIS OPINION DOES NOT SUIT THE PUBLIC."

VON BRENTANO'S STATEMENT DREW THE ANGER EVEN OF NEWSPAPERS SUPPORTING THE GOVEERNMENT. WARNING THAT THE CASE MIGHT BOOMERANG AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, THE CONSERVATIVE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE SAID:

"WHAT WILL BE THE VIEW OF THE THINKING AND READING YOUTH OF THESE EVENTS? WILL IT NOT BE STRENGTHENED IN THE SUSPICION THAT THE SO-CALLED JOHNSON CASE WAS NOT AS IMPORTANT TO A PROMINENT POLITICIAN AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LASH OUT AGAINST ALL WHO CANNOT BE EASILY BROUGHT INTO LINE?"

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BY GENE KRAMER (470)

BERLIN, DEC. 10 (AP)-COMMUNIST EAST GERMANY TODAY NARROWED WEST BERLIN'S RAILROAD LINKS TO THE WEST BUT MADE NO MOVE TO INTERFERE WITH THE RAIL TRAFFIC. AND U.S. ARMY BATTLE UNITS CONTINUED TO ROLL UNHINDERED OVER THE HIGHWAY LIFELINE BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY.

THE COMMUNISTS BEGAN FUNNELING TRAIN TRAFFIC BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND WESTERN EUROPE ONTO A SINGLE TRACK FOR PASSENGERS AND A SINGLE TRACK FOR FREIGHT AT A BORDER CROSSING FROM THE CITY INTO EAST GERMANY, WEST BERLIN POLICE REPORTED. SWITCHES WERE SET CLOSING ALL OTHER TRACKS.

THERE ARE THREE RAIL ROUTES BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY. ALL TRAFFIC ON THESE MUST NOW PASS THROUGH THE CROSSOVER POINT NORMALLY USED BY ALLIED MILITARY TRAINS TO AND FROM WEST GERMANY. A U.S. ARMY SPOKESMAN SAID ARMY TRAINS WERE RUNNING NORMALLY TO AND FROM BERLIN WITH NO UNUSUAL DELAYS OR INTERFERENCE REPORTED.

THE EAST GERMANS, WHO OPERATE THE TRAINS INSIDE WEST BERLIN TOO, BEGAN RESTRICTING THE RAIL ROUTES OUT OF THE WEST SECTOR AFTER AN EAST GERMAN ENGINEER DROVE A PASSENGER TRAIN AT HIGH SPEED PAST COMMUNIST BORDER GUARDS INTO WEST BERLIN LAST WEEK.

THE ENGINEER AND 24 FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO TOOK PART IN THE TRAIN HIJACKING TOOK ASYLUM IN THE WEST. THE COMMUNISTS IMMEDIATELY CLOSED THAT ESCAPE LINE, THEN ORDERED ALL RAIL TRAFFIC OUT OF WEST BERLIN TO THE WEST TO USE A SINGLE ROUTE. IT WAS THIS ROUTE THAT NOW HAS BEEN NARROWED TO A SINGLE PASSENGER AND SINGLE FREIGHT TRACK.

THE COMMUNISTS ACCOMPANIED THE NEW RESTRICTIONS WITH CHARGES THAT WEST BERLINERS HAVE BEEN SABOTAGING THE RAILWAYS INSIDE THE CITY AND ENDANGERING LIFE.

(DESPITE VAGUE COMMUNIST WARNINGS, THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF INTERFERENCE AS THE EXCHANGE OF U.S. ARMY BATTLE GROUPS CONTINUED OVER THE AUTOBAHN THAT RUNS THROUGH 110 MILES OF EAST GERMAN TERRITORY BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY.

TWO UNITS FROM THE 1ST BATTLE GROUP, 18TH INFANTRY, TOTALING ABOUT 50 JEEPS AND TRUCKS, ROLLED SMOOTHLY FROM BERLIN ACROSS THE EAST GERMAN AUTOBAHN AND INTO WEST GERMANY, THE ARMY SAID. A UNIT FROM THE 1ST BATTLE GROUP, 19TH INFANTRY MOVED FROM WEST GERMANY TO WEST BERLIN.

THESE MOVEMENTS BROUGHT TO THE TWO-THIRDS MARK THE EXCHANGE OF THE 18TH AND 19TH BETWEEN BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY, AN OPERATION WHICH SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN COMMENTATORS HAVE BRANDED AS MILITARY PROVOCATION.

ABOUT 1,000 MEN OF THE 19TH, FORMERLY STATIONED AT AUGSBURG, WEST GERMANY, HAVE MOVED INTO BERLIN, RELIEVING AN EQUAL NUMBER IN THE 18TH. THE 18TH WAS ORDERED HERE LAST AUGUST, BOOSTING U.S. COMBAT STRENGTH IN BERLIN TO ABOUT 6,500, JUST AFTER THE COMMUNISTS BEGAN BUILDING A WALL THROUGH THE DIVIDED CITY.

DESPITE RED "PROVOCATION" CHARGES, SOVIET OFFICERS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN HAVE CHECKED THE AMERICANS THROUGH WITHOUT UNUSUAL DELAY, THE ARMY SAID.

ALONG THE SECTOR BORDER TWO EAST BERLIN MEN BRAVED COMMUNIST GUNFIRE AND NEAR-FREEZING WATER AFTER DARK TO SWIM A DOWNTOWN CANAL TO THE WEST. WEST BERLIN POLICE SAID THE MEN MADE IT UNINJURED DESPITE ABOUT 20 SHOTS FIRED BY COMMUNIST GUARDS.

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DIPLOMACY BUDGET 30-24

BY JOSEPH E. DYNAN

PARIS, DEC.10 (AP)-DIPLOMATIC LEADERS OF THE WESTERN WORLD ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY, FIRMLY UNITED IN AN DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE THE FREEDOM OF WEST BERLIN BUT STILL AT ODDS ON HOW TO DO IT.

AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK FLEW IN FROM WASHINGTON A FEW HOURS AFTER LORD HOME, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, ARRIVED FROM LONDON. WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER GERHARD SCHROEDER WAS

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ALREADY ON THE SCENE WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER MAURICE COUVE DE MURVILLE.

THE ARRIVALS TOUCHED OFF A WEEK OF TOP-SPEED DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY FOCUSED ON THE BERLIN CRISIS AND THE PROBLEM OF GERMANY IN AN EFFORT TO LAYNDOWN JOINT ALLIED POICY. MEETINGS, AND DECISIONS, COME TO A HEAD IN THE ANNUAL MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY (NATO) COUNCIL BEGINNING WEDNESDAY.

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MINISTERS OF THE WESTERN BIG THREE--THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE AND BRITAIN--MEET TOMORROW MORNING IN THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR A REVIEW OF THE BERLIN SITUATION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE CITY'S OCCUPATION POWERS. FOUR-POWER CONFERENCES, INCLUDING SCHROEDER FOR WEST GERMANY, GET UNDER WAY IN THE AFTERNOON.

AT THE HEART OF THESE MEETINGS IS THE DESIRE OF WASHINGTON AND LONDON TO INITIATE A NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA ON THE STATUS OF BERLIN. FRANCE OPPOSES SUCH ACTION AT THIS TIME.

THE WEST GERMANS HAVE COME AROUND, PERHAPS RELUCTANTLY, TO THE AMERICAN-BRITISH POSITION, AND WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR KONRAD ADENAUER SPENT ALL DAY YESTERDAY HERE WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT CHARLES DE GAULLE TO EXPLAIN BONN'S ATTITUDE.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AT THE END OF THE DE GAULLE-ADENAUER CONVERSATIONS MADE IT CLEAR ADENAUER HAD NOT ALTERED DE GAULLE'S BASIC VIEWS.

AMERICAN AND BRITISH DIPLOMATS HAVE RULED OUT ANY GO IT ALONE MOVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE RUSSIANS WITHOUT FRANCE. THIS WOULD HARDLY BE POSSIBLE SINCE THE WHOLE ALLIED CASE IS BASED ON THEIR STATUS AS VICTORIOUS POWERS IN A FOUR-POWER OCCUPATION OF BERLIN.

THE WESTERN ALLIES AGREE THEY MUST MAINTAIN THE FREEDOM OF WEST BERLINERS, AND ALLIED RIGHTS OF ACCESS TO THE ENCLAVE MORE THAN 100 MILES DEEP WITHIN THE SOVIET ORBIT. THEY AGREE THAT THE EAST GERMAN PUPPET REGIME CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTROL THIS ACCESS. AND THEY AGREE THAT AN ARMED CLASH WHICH MIGHT MUSHROOM INTO NUCLEAR WAR MUST BE AVOIDED.

RUSK AND LORD HOME MET TONIGHT AT DINNER IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY RESIDENCE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM CONFRONTING THEM IN DE GAULLE'S ATTITUDE. FROM THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH VIEWPOINTS, THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO CONVINCE THE FRENCH PRESIDENT TO ADOPT THEIR POLICIES. THE U.S. AND BRITAIN WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE RUSSIANS ON THE STATUS OF BERLIN AND THE ACCESS RIGHTS--THEY HAVE SINGLED THIS AREA OUT AS THE MOST IMMEDIATE DANGER TO PEACE.

FROM THE FRENCH VIEWPOINT, THE PROBLEM IS HOW TO HOLD BACK THE IMPETUOUS AMERICANS AND THE MISGUIDED BRITISH FROM A PREMATURE EAST-WEST CONFERENCE WHICH CAN ONLY END IN WESTERN CONCESSIONS TO RUSSIA AND A DISASTER FOR EUROPE AND THE WEST.

WHILE BERLIN AND GERMANY WILL TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT, THE THREE MINISTERS IN THEIR MORNING SESSION WILL ALSO STUDY THE CONTINUING CRISIS IN THE CONGO AND THE CURRENT FIGHTING IN KATANGA BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND LOCAL FORCES.

THE UNITED STATES IS FULLY SUPPORTING U.N. ACTIONS AGAINST THE KATANGA SECESSIONIST REGIME OF MOISE TSHOMBE. LORD HOME TODAY CALLED FOR A CEASE-FIRE IN KATANGA AND NEW NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TSHOMBE AND THE LEOPOLDVILLE GOVERNMENT. FRANCE OPPOSES THE U.N. ACTION IN THE CONGO, ESPECIALLY IN KATANGA.

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